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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTION OF GROUP LEADERS IN A DISTRIBUTED NETWORK

and invented by:

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Application Elements

- 1. Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
- 2. Specification having 36 pages and including the following:

- a. Descriptive Title of the Invention
- b. Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
- c. Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
- d. Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
- e. Background of the Invention
- f. Brief Summary of the Invention
- g. Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
- h. Detailed Description
- i. Claim(s) as Classified Below
- j. Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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 - c. With Power of Attorney Without Power of Attorney
 - d. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Computer Program in Microfiche
7. Genetic Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all must be included*)
 - a. Paper Copy
 - b. Computer Readable Copy
 - c. Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

Accompanying Application Parts

8. Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & documents*)
9. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
10. English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
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15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)

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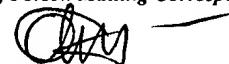
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